

BUDGET, FINANCE & INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

June 16, 2010

5:30 P.M.

Courthouse

MINUTES:

Members Present:

Comm. Bob Bullen

Comm. Joe Frank Jernigan

Comm. Will Jordan

Comm. Robert Peay, Jr.

Comm. Steve Sandlin

Comm. Doug Shafer

Comm. Joyce Ealy, Chrm.

Others Present:

Ernest Burgess

Lisa Nolen

Jim Roberts

Carty Roberts

James Manning

Jeff Sandvig

Elaine Short

Chairman Ealy presided and called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

REVIEW PUBLIC HEARING:

The first item of business was to review the Public Hearing that was held on June 15 regarding the 2010-11 budget.

Chairman Ealy advised that only one person in attendance spoke at the Public Hearing and that was Mr. James Manning, Executive Director of the Oaklands Museum. He commented that the Oaklands Museum had received \$10,000 in funding from the county as an outside agency up to the 2004-05 Fiscal Year. The funding was eliminated after that fiscal year. He advised that an application for funds was submitted for the 2010-11 Fiscal Year budget, but the funding had not been approved. He reminded the committee that their education program was growing and that tourism was steady. He requested that the Budget Committee reconsider the request and restore the \$10,000 to the budget for the Oaklands Museum.

Comm. Bullen moved, seconded by Comm. Jernigan to include \$10,000 in the 2010-11 budget for the Oaklands Musuem.

Comm. Jordan disagreed with the motion. He stated that it was not anything against Oaklands Museum, but all of the outside organizations were told that the county would not be accepting any new requests. He stated that he did not think it would be fair to the Sam Davis Home and the other organizations to include the funding for Oaklands Museum at such a late date. He stated if the funding was opened up for Oaklands it would have to be opened up for all of the organizations. He suggested that the policy for not accepting new applications be reviewed for next year.

Comm. Shafer stated that in the 2004-05 budget a lot of the funding for the nonprofit organizations was eliminated.

The Finance Director distributed the Summary of Recommended Contributions for the 2003-04 Fiscal Year. The summary reflected that in 2004-05 the funding was cut in half for many of the organizations including Oaklands Museum, Boys & Girls Club, CASA of Rutherford County, Child Advocacy Center, City of Murfreesboro Fire Safety House, Crimestoppers, First Call for Help, Martin Luther King Scholarship, Mid-Cumberland Community Action Agency, Rutherford Beautification, Smyrna/La Vergene Assistance Coalition, Special Kids, Inc., Center for the Arts, Children's Discovery House Museum, La Vergne Old Timer's Day, Main Street, Murfreesboro Youth Orchestra, Sam Davis Home, Murfreesboro Philharmonic Symphony, Tennessee Valley Pioneer Power Association, and Uncle Dave Macon Days.

In the 2005-06 Fiscal Year, the funding for these organizations was eliminated.

Comm. Bullen moved to amend his motion to also include funding for the Sam Davis Home.

Comm. Jernigan, who seconded the original motion, did not agree to add funding for the Sam Davis Home.

Comm. Bullen withdrew the amendment to the motion to include funding for the Sam Davis Home.

Comm. Peay stated that he would like to give the Oaklands Museum \$10,000, but he believed it was late in the process, and it would not be fair not to give the other organizations the same opportunity. He stated he thought it was something that the committee should definitely look at next year.

Comm. Sandlin stated that he also thought the funding should be looked at next year, and that the organizations should be allowed to reapply next year.

Comm. Jernigan stated that Mr. Manning took his time to come to the Public Hearing to make the request for the Oaklands Museum, and he thought that should be taken into consideration.

Following discussion, the motion to include \$10,000 in funding for the Oaklands Museum in the 2010-11 budget failed by roll call vote with Commissioners Bullen and Jernigan voting "yes"; and Commissioners Jordan, Peay, Sandlin, Shafer, and Ealy voting "no".

Comm. Shafer stated that he liked the presentation made by the Finance Director, especially the amount of building and renovation projects that have taken place since 1995. He stated that the projects have taken place county-wide.

Mayor Burgess stated that the Finance Director had stated that the building and renovation projects that had taken place since 1995 cost in excess of \$800,000,000.00. With the county's outstanding debt being approximately \$361,000,000, that meant that over half of the projects had been paid for. He stated that he thought that was remarkable.

2010 BUDGET REVIEW

GENERAL FUND:

The Finance Director presented a summary of changes that have been made to the 2010-11 budget since the last meeting. In the General Fund those changes included \$24,000 to the Sheriff's Department budget for In-Service Training, which was provided through a contribution from E-911. The local Health Department also received a contribution of \$700, which has been added to the 2010-11 budget for training. The Geographic Information Systems employee insurance changed requiring an additional \$3,560 to the 2010-11 budget. The estimated appropriations for the 2010-11 General Fund totaled \$68,093,511.

SOLID WASTE/SANITATION FUND:

The Finance Director advised that she had revised the estimated beginning Assigned Fund Balance to \$3,750,000, because the amount being spent on the flood cleanup was not going to be as much as first anticipated. No other changes has been made to the Solid Waste Fund.

HIGHWAY FUND:

The Finance Director advised that she was requesting to reduce the Highway's contribution to the OJI Program from \$140,450 to \$55,320 in Account 131-66000-513. This was a reduction of \$85,130. She advised that the contribution for the OJI program had already been reduced in all of the other budgets, but that the reduction had not been made to the Highway Fund budget. With this revision, the 2010-11 estimated appropriations for the Highway Fund totaled \$9,392,505.

The 2010-11 estimated revenue for all funds totaled \$393,541,155 and the revised 2010-11 proposed appropriations for all funds totaled \$407,013,958.

Comm. Sandlin asked what was being estimated for the schools' ending fund balance.

The Finance Director advised that the estimated ending assigned fund balance as of June 30, 2011 for the General Purpose School Fund was \$8.2 million and the required fund balance was \$7.7 million.

The Finance Director advised that for the past two months, the sales tax collections had been trending higher. She stated that her estimate for sales tax collections for next year might be low.

Mayor Burgess advised that there had not been any major changes in the sales tax collections, and that there had only been small incremental changes. He stated that he believed the committee should stay with the Finance Director's conservative estimates.

Comm. Jordan moved, seconded by Comm. Jernigan to approve the revisions to the 2010-11 General Fund expenditures adding \$24,000 to the Sheriff's Department budget for in-service training, \$700 to the Local Health Department for training, \$3,560 to the Geographic Information Systems budget for employee health insurance, and reducing the Highway Department's contribution to the OJI Program by \$85,130. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

OTHER BUSINESS

2009-10 SOLID WASTE/SANITATION FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT:

The Finance Director requested approval of the following Solid Waste/Sanitation Fund budget amendment, which replaced the amendment totaling \$290,000 that was approved by the committee at the regular meeting on June 10:

From: 116-39000 - Undesignated Fund Balance -	\$25,000
To: 116-55732-312 - Contracts with Private Agencies -	\$20,000
116-55732-309 - Contracts with Government Agencies -	5,000

Comm. Peay moved, seconded by Comm. Sandlin to approve the Solid Waste/Sanitation Fund budget amendment, which replaced the \$290,000 budget amendment approved by the committee on June 10, with \$25,000 from Account 116-39000, Undesignated Fund Balance, and \$20,000 to Account 116-55732-312, Contracts with Private Agencies and \$5,000 to Account 116-55732-309, Contracts with Government Agencies. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Ealy reminded the committee of the next meeting on June 23, 2010 at 5:30 P.M. where the committee will be considering the 2010-11 Tax Levy Resolution and the 2010-11 Appropriations Resolution.

There being no further business to be presented at this time, Chairman Ealy declared the meeting adjourned at 5:48 P.M.

Elaine Short, Secretary